

SUPPLEMENTAL EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

The following is a supplemental examiner's amendment in response to an interview held with Mr. Paul Bobwiec on August 16, 2010. The sole purpose of this supplemental examiner's amendment is to correct a typographic error contained in the Title as amended in the previous office action.

Claims 1-12 and 14-15 are currently pending and allowed, as amended in the examiner's amendment mailed July 15, 2010.

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Paul Bobowiec (Reg. No. 47,431) on August 16, 2010.

Amendment to the Title

Polling System and Method Presenting A Received Free Reply As An Answer
Option To A Subsequent Respondent

ALLOWANCE

The following is an Allowance in response to Applicant's response filed May 28, 2010 and interviews held with Mr. Paul Bobwiec on June 11; July 13, 14, 2010. Claims 1-12 and 14-15 are currently pending and allowed, as amended in the examiner's amendment mailed July 15, 2010.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance.

The present invention is directed to a system and method for conducting a poll wherein free form answers to a poll question from a first participant are automatically presented as a standard (fixed) reply option, for the same question, to subsequent participants in the same poll.

The prior art fail to teach or suggest either singularly or in combination a system/method of conducting a poll on a respondent group comprising: a first questioning performed during the poll presenting an input form with a question to a first respondent; obtaining a free reply by accepting input onto the input form by a first respondent of an unguided reply to said question; the free reply input by the first respondent as a reply option to said question; a second questioning during the poll presenting an input form with said question and the stored free reply as a reply option to the question to a second respondent after storing the input free reply; and accepting

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performed by the second terminal a choice of the stored free reply as a reply to said question on the input form presented to the second respondent as recited in independent Claims 1, 10, 11 and 12.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SCOTT L. JARRETT whose telephone number is (571)272-7033. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:00AM - 5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lynda Jasmin can be reached on 571.272.6782. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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